school children in the age group 6–14 years by setting up Education Guarantee Scheme Centres in all school-less villages/Habitations.

Publications by ICSSR

†2037. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Social Science Research has brought out many publications during the last ten years ;

(b) if so, whether it was not necessary to bring out these publications in Hindi;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and whether such sort of error is a violation of Rule 5 of official languages rules; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore and whether the Council is not accountable to the Society and the people as all the publications of such sort have to be brought out in Hindi also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA) : (a) As informed by ICSSR, about 50 Publications have been brought out during the last 10 years.

(b) These publications are purely research publications and are published in the language in which the author has written.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Termination of Research Scientists

2038. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "UGC ignore H. C. Stay, sacks nine" published in the Sunday Times of India dated 4th November, 2001;

(b) whether the scientists were terminated as part of discarding UGC Research Scientist Scheme, 1983 meant to boost Indian Research; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) the reaction of Government thereof to honour stay order of Delhi High Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA) : (a) Yes.Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), the guidelines of the UGC Research Scientist Scheme mention that the award could be either withdrawn or continued at the same level or the Scientist could be even promoted to the next higher level for another contract period of 5 years. The decision of the Commision in this regard shall be final. The Commission has also made it clear that the work of the Research Scientists be reviewed periodically by a Committee of three experts before the expiry of the five year period and unless the work is unsatisfactory, they would be continued until superannuation. The cases as reported in the news-item, except one case, are of such Research Scientists whose work was assessed by the Review Committee and found unsatisfactory. In one case, the Review Committee, after assessing the work, had allowed the award of the Research Scientist.

As per direction of the hon'ble High Court of Delhi, the UGC filed an application to allow it to discontinue the awards of those Research Scientists whose awards were discontinued by the UGC. The question of not honouring the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi by the UGC does not arise.

Nutritional support to Primary Education

2039. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the centrally funded scheme for nutritional support to primary education aims to improve nutritional status of school-going children and enrolment/retention at primary stage;

(b) whether, according to CAG Report, out of the total targeted 11.5 crore children, only about 2.18 crore children were provided cooked/processed food; and

(c) Whether the Food Corporation of India held up supplies of foodgrains to States on account of failure of the Ministry to make payment and if so, the reasons for delayin payment to FCI?